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EASTER AT THE CHURCHES

The following will be the order of service and program at the Universalist Church:

8:30 A. M. A sunrise service of joy, praise and devotion under the auspices of the Y. P. C. U.

10:45 A. M. Regular devotional services. Sermon topic, "Galilean, Thou Hast Conquered." In connection with this service the Girls of the Alpha Zeta Class will give a dramatic rendering of "The Meaning of Easter," written by Mrs. Wolfe. With the following cast:

Voice, Dorothy Hutchins
Soul, Virginia Goodnow
Faith, Beatrice Brown
Nature, Barbara Davis
Spring, Dorothy Edwards
Martyr, Pearl Sampson
Woman, Evelyn Brink

Assisted with music by Miss Dorothy Goodnow and Mrs. Doris Bryant.

12:00 Noon. Regular meeting of the Sunday School.

Notes—As the Y. P. C. U. are conducting the morning sunrise service there will be no evening meeting.

The following program will be given at the Methodist Church on Sunday, April 20, at 7:45 A. M.:

Musical, Erland Wentzell
Greeting, Erland Wentzell
A Sunbonnet Song, Ruth, Eleanor McKenney, Elizabeth Bean
Sunbonnet Babies, Marjorie Berry, Phyllis Davis, Dorothy Hutchins
A Shilshu Hat, Phyllis McKenney

CANTATA

Gates Ajar and Hope's Messenger
Organist, Miss Hazel Arno
Cornet, Clarence Huff

A Pilgrim, Miss Edna Bean
Faith, Miss Alice Linnell
Hope, Miss Elva Poor
Cross-Bearer, Charles Haselton

The Chorus of Messengers—Misses Dorothy Holmes, Eugenia Haselton, Almina Wheeler, Esther Lapham, Flora Swan, Gladys Gibbs, Hazel Sawyer

Solo, If A Man Dies, Miss Edna Bean
Song, Onward Christian Soldiers, Chorus of Messengers

Scripture Selections, Members of Choir
Solo, O Cross Upon Mount Calvary, Charles Haselton

Solo, As Weary Years Go, Miss Edna Bean
Song, The Children Are Safe, Chorus—Primary Grades

Solo, They Are Not Dead, Miss Elva Poor
Messages to the Pilgrims, The Seven Messengers

Solo, The Holy City, Milan Chapin
Quartet, Eugenia Haselton, Hazel Sawyer, Elva Poor, Alice Linnell

Solo, Who is This? Miss Edna Bean
Messages From Beyond The Gates, Chorus—The Heavenly City

Hymns by Pilgrim
Duet, Gates Ajar, Mr. and Mrs. John Anderson

Solo, I Know That My Redeemer Liveth, Howard Tyler

Seven Messengers repeat their message
Pilgrim Accepts Messages
Chorus—Christ, the Lord, is Risen

The following program will be given at the Congregational Church on Sunday evening, April 20, at seven o'clock:

Selection, Chorus
Responsive Reading, Dorothy Hasseum's class

Prayer, Margaret Carter
Song, Primary and Intermediate Classes
Recitation, Adeline Stearns

Recitation, Margaret Phat
Song, Margaret Phat
"Little Buds," Margaret Phat

Girls, Alberta Brooks' Class
Recitation, Arnold Bellin
Recitation, June Baker
Recitation, Albert Barker

Solo, Eleanor and Elizabeth Lyon
"Easter Flowers," Eleanor and Elizabeth Lyon

Girls, Grace Van Den Kerkhofen's Class
Recitation, Henry Hastings
Recitation, Bertha Crane
Recitation, Elsie of Girls

Reading, Elsie of Girls
"Coming of Easter," Elsie of Girls

Boys, Alberta Brooks' Class
Song, Wilma and Margaret Hall
Recitation, Richard Marshall
Song, Barbara Heath

Recitation, Barbara Heath
"Easter Emblems," Barbara Heath

Girls, Shirley Brooks' Class
Recitation, Mary Tibbitts
Recitation, Mildred Hastings
Song, Lucia Van Den Kerkhofen

Recitation, Robert Chapman
Recitation, Ernest Brown
"Easter Day is Here," Ernest Brown

Boys, Shirley Brooks' Class
Song, Junior Boys
Recitation, Paul Chapman
Song, Catherine Lyon
Recitation, Rosalie Thompson

"Easter Tapers," Rosalie Thompson

BETHEL BOYS RETURN FROM AN EXTENSIVE TRIP

Messrs. Ray and Roy Thurston arrived in town Saturday from California where they have been spending the winter.

They left Bethel last October in a Ford touring car, making the trip to Los Angeles, where they spent two weeks. On their trip they went through the White Mountains to Vermont, thence across New York state to Buffalo. Here they crossed at Niagara Falls into Ontario and traveled on Canadian soil to Detroit, Mich. Leaving Detroit, they passed through Toledo, Ohio, and Chicago, across Iowa to Omaha, Neb. They followed the Lincoln Highway the greater part of the way. From Omaha their route was through Nebraska, Colorado, Wyoming, Utah and Nevada to California. They passed through Salt Lake City and rode by the shore of the lake.

They spent some time in the vicinity of San Francisco and then went south to Los Angeles, where they had employment for a time. Roy was in a garage in Riverside most of the winter.

They left Riverside, March 19, on their return trip. They went to San Diego, from there across the desert, where they found a number of miles of plank road—through Arizona and New Mexico to El Paso, Texas. At this point they crossed into Mexico for a day.

From El Paso they went through San Antonio and Houston to New Orleans, La., Mobile, Ala., and Tallahassee, Fla. Their next stop was at St. Petersburg, and from there they started north April 1st.

On this leg of their journey they touched at Jacksonville, Augusta, Ga., Raleigh, N. C., Richmond, Va., Washington, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, New Haven, Providence, and Boston.

They stopped at Portsmouth, N. H. Friday night and arrived in Bethel about 2 o'clock Saturday afternoon.

They have averaged to travel about 150 miles a day—camping in the car or staying at hotels as fancy dictated. They covered 11,000 miles on their trip, including about 2,000 miles' travel while in California. They experienced no trouble whatever in their journey.

Only once did they accept assistance, that being in the West where a river was too deep for motor travel and the authorities furnished mules for motive power. They averaged 20 miles per gallon of gasoline, the cost of which varied from 13 cents to 25 cents in different localities. The best roads were found this side of the Mississippi, although California has some excellent highways. They returned with the same front tires, but the rear cords were replaced in Georgia after over 8,000 miles service. They visited 34 States and practically all of the larger cities.

NOMINATION PAPERS FILED FROM OXFORD COUNTY

The following nomination papers of interest to Oxford County people have been filed:

Harry O. Sillesen of Norway, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Albert A. Towne of Norway for representative on the Democratic ticket from the class towns of Norway, Sweden, etc.

Albert D. Park, Republican, for register of probate of Oxford County.

K. Chandler Russell of Fryeburg for state senator from Oxford County on the Republican ticket.

Stanley M. Wheeler of Paris for representative on the Republican ticket from Paris and Oxford.

Edward C. Torrey of Dixfield, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Harry B. McKee of Stoneham, Republican, for sheriff of Oxford County.

Frank A. Brown of Bethel for representative on the Republican ticket from Bethel, Albany, etc.

A. M. Doring of Denmark for representative on the Republican ticket from the class towns of Denmark, etc.

Harold C. Fletcher of South Paris for representative on the Democratic ticket from Oxford and Paris.

Primary nomination papers were filed Tuesday at the office of the secretary of state by Cyrus N. Blanchard of Wilton, candidate for the Republican nomination for representative in Congress from the second Congressional District.

There were 23 petitions bearing the signatures of 72 voters in the following towns: Rockland, Lewiston, South Paris, Bangor, Dixfield, Farmington, Rockfield, Bethel, Wadsworth, Waldo, Lee, Fryeburg, Leeds, Kingsfield, New Castle, Winthrop, Bangor, Wilton, Thompson, South Paris and Oxford.

Mrs. Valentine's class

Recitation, Theodore Brown

Song, Catherine and Barbara Herrick

Chorus, Chorus

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GRANGE NEWS

LOVE MT. GRANGE

Love Mt. Grange held its regular all day meeting in the hall Saturday with a good attendance. Mr. W. W. Perkins, who has been very ill for several weeks, was present and installed as Overseer. The following program was given by the Lecturer.

Song, Grange
Reading, Dorothy Baker
Reading, Olive Akers

Question: "Do we as farmers raise as much of our own food as we should, or do we pay out more than is necessary to the grocer and butcher?" Opened by Mr. Johnson and followed by J. L. Bailey, W. W. Perkins, Samuel Bond and Mrs. Andrews.

Original Reading, Mrs. George Leonard

Song, Roll call, Hints on Gardening

ALDER RIVER GRANGE

Alder River Grange, P. of H. No. 145, met in regular session Wednesday evening, April 9, with Master Guy Bartlett presiding, with a good attendance.

All assisted in the flag salute. This was followed by roll call of officers. After the usual routine of business Master Robert Hastings reports on receiving the travelling library of twenty-five books which had been ordered by vote. These books treat on agriculture, soil spraying, bookkeeping, forage crops and farm boys and girls; no fiction. It was voted to entertain "Children's night" the first meeting in May, Wednesday evening, May 14. An open meeting will be observed and refreshments served. An interesting program was presented, consisting of music, readings, stories and anecdotes. The following question, "What branch of farming will be the most profitable for the coming season?" was well discussed by the brothers and as usual some sisters.

ENGAGEMENT ANNOUNCED

Mr. and Mrs. B. Fremont Homestead of West Front Street, Showeburg, announce the engagement of their daughter, Miss Ruth Winona Homestead, to Irving Lee Carver of Bethel. Miss Homestead is the only child of Mr. and Mrs. Homestead and was graduated from Skowhegan High school in 1920 and from the Farmington Normal School in 1922 and has since been a successful teacher. She is very popular with a large circle of friends, who will be happy to know of her engagement.

Mr. Carver is a prosperous young business man of Bethel, and is much liked by all of Miss Homestead's friends, who have met him, during his frequent visits at Miss Homestead's home.

ANNOUNCE ENGAGEMENT

Mr. and Mrs. E. Freeman of Concord, N. H., wish to announce the engagement of their daughter, Violet E., to Harold L. Bartlett of Bethel.—Concord Daily Monitor.

PLEASANT SURPRISE PARTY

On Friday last Miss Dorothy Hines com entertained the members of her Sunday School class at the home of her parents on Church Street.

The supper table was prettily decorated with cut flowers and covers laid for eight, with hand made place cards at 6 o'clock. Pleasant stories and witty anecdotes were enjoyed with the daily supper and in the cheerful living room until half past eight. Mathematical stunts, guessing games and wit sharpening tricks kept the guests busy, lively and highly entertained.

All of the boys declared the occasion one of the most enjoyable ones and are strong in their appreciation for their charming teacher.

Those present were: Ashby Tibbitts, Herbert Rane, Edward Rane, Arthur Barker, Albert Brown and Theodore James.

GLEE CLUB CONCERT

The Glee Club of Gould's Academy will give a social concert in the William Bingham Gymnasium on Friday, April 19. After the program there will be dancing and refreshments. The program is as follows:

Solo, "Nancy Lee"
Solo and Chorus, "A Captain Ship"
Chorus, "Love's Old Sweet Song"
Solo and Chorus, "Nightingale"
Solo, "The Star of the Desert"
Solo and Chorus, "When Israel was in Egypt's Land," Frankie Keniston
Solo, "Green, Green," Frankie Keniston
Solo, "The Star of the Desert," Frankie Keniston

THE Y. W. C. A. and the Y. M. C. A. will combine for the purpose of holding a post Easter service during the regular devotional period on Thursday morning.

LENTEN SERVICES

April 16, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in Oxford Memorial Chapel. Rev. Mr. Aschewash will preach.

April 17, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in the Methodist Church. Rev. Mr. Oliver will preach.

April 18, 7:30 P. M.: Union Lenten services in the Universalist Church. Rev. Stanley Manning of Gardiner, State Superintendent of the Universalist Churches in Maine, will preach.

GOULD'S ACADEMY

Gould's Academy will open its base ball season on Saturday with a game at Norway with Norway High. Although the team is somewhat handicapped with the temporary loss of Madison Berry the prospects for a winning team are very good. A large squad responded to the call for candidates and had practice has been the order whenever the weather permitted. Among the veterans of last year's team seeking a berth this year are: Capt. Bob Goddard, Walter Berry, Madison Berry, Frank Keniston, Richard Holmes. New prospects for the team are: Robley Chase, Freddie Philbrick, Arthur Corkery, Rex Sessions, Elmer Stevens, Edward Chase, Kenneth Stanley, Philip Hamlin and Guy Thurston.

The second game of the season is now pending with Woodstock High to be played in Bethel. Following is the season schedule:

April 26 Lisbon Falls at Bethel.
April 28 Groveton at Bethel.
May 3 Dixfield High at Bethel.
May 7 Ramfjord High (pending) at Bethel.
May 10 Dixfield High at Dixfield.
May 14 Mexico High at Bethel.
May 21 Norway High at Bethel.
May 28 Groveton High at Groveton.
June 5 Gould's Alumni.

At an indoor inter-class track meet held in the William Bingham Gymnasium, the seniors won easily despite the fact that they were seriously handicapped with the loss of their star, Madison Berry. The final scores were: Seniors 39 1/2, Juniors 33, Sophomores 12 1/2, Freshmen 1.

Running Broad Jump: Keniston, 26, 10 ft. 10; Sessions, 25, 2nd; W. Berry, 25, 3rd.

550 Yard Run: C. Swan, 24, 1st, 2:29 1/2; W. Peaslee, 24, 2nd; K. Stanley, 24, 3rd.

220 Yd. Dash: Sessions, 25, 1st, 3:38; C. Swan, 24, C. Brown, 25, tied for 2nd.

Standing Broad Jump: H. Stearns, 23, 102 in.; R. Holmes, 25, 2nd; W. Berry, 25, 3rd.

Shot Put, 12 lbs.: Keniston, 26, 1st, 37 ft. 4 in.; W. Berry, 25, 2nd; E. Carlsson, 24, 3rd.

High Jump: E. Mauds, 25, 1st, 5 ft. 6 in.; C. Swan, 24, 2nd; Keniston, 26, and H. Stearns, 24, tied for third.

Male Race: C. Swan, 25, 6 min. 6 sec.; W. Peaslee, 24, 2nd; P. Philbrick, 24, 3rd.

Pole Vault: Keniston, 12, 1st, 9 ft. 2 in.; Sessions, 25, 2nd; W. Berry, 25, 3rd.

Class Relays: Seniors 1st, Juniors 2nd, Sophomores 3rd, Freshmen 4th.

Charles Swan '24 was high point man of the meet with 20 3/4 points; Frank Keniston '26 was second with 15 1/2 points, and Sessions '25 third with 13 1/4 points. Gold medals were presented to the high point men of each class.

The medal for the Freshman class went to Howard Wheeler for his interest and energy shown. The silver loving cup, trophy of the meet, was presented to the Senior class.

Negotiations are now being made with a view of holding a County Y. M. C. A. Convention in Bethel some time in the near future. We believe this would be a fine thing for Bethel and sincerely hope that the citizens of the town will be interested for their assistance would be indispensable. Further arrangements of this will be made as the arrangements are developed. The Academy Y. M. C. A. voted unanimously to support such a convention in every possible way.

Miss Florence Hale of the State Department of Education gave a very interesting and instructive lecture before the Parish Trunkers Association at a meeting which was held in the Academy assembly room on Monday evening, April 15. This was a public meeting and among the large number in attendance were many of the Academy upper class students.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

Mrs. Harry Jordan spent Friday in Norway.

Mrs. Carrie Arno was in Berlin, N. H., Saturday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman left for New York, Tuesday.

Mr. E. F. Blisbee was in Portland last Wednesday.

Mrs. E. C. Park was in Portland, Friday and Saturday.

Mrs. Daisy Philbrick, who has been very ill, is improving.

Judge and Mrs. A. E. Herrick were in Portland last Thursday.

School commenced Monday with the same teachers as last term.

Several from here attended the M. E. Conference in Portland last week.

The National Bank and Savings Bank examiners were in town, Thursday.

Mrs. Percy Flanders was the guest of relatives in South Paris, Thursday.

Mr. L. L. Carver has recently installed a new gas pump and tank at his store.

Mr. Everett Morse of Hastings, Me., is visiting his cousin, Miss Edith Morse.

Miss Nina Briggs of Oxford was a week and guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jasper Cates.

Mrs. Taylor of Shelburne, N. H., is spending a few days with Miss Edith Morse.

Mr. George French of Turner, Me., is the guest of his grandmother, Mrs. Anna French.

Miss Ruth Wheeler and Miss Elsie Annas were visitors in Portland over the week end.

Rev. H. H. Hastings and E. C. Park, Esq., attended Probate Court at South Paris, Tuesday.

Mrs. Fannie Briggs was a recent guest of Mr. and Mrs. F. E. Wheeler at South Paris.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Wood were called to South Paris, Friday, by the illness of their son, Lester Wood.

Miss Blanche Herrick, who has been spending the winter in Boston, has returned to her home in town.

Mrs. Paul Badger, who has been visiting her mother, Mrs. Elsie Mansfield, returned to her home in Portsmouth, N. H., Monday.

Miss Esther Tyler is spending the Easter vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. J. Tyler. Mrs. Tyler went to Portland last Friday and accompanied her daughter home.

Friends of Mr. and Mrs. Frank C. Kittredge of Portsmouth, N. H., will be sorry to hear of the death of their infant daughter, Alice Wynifred Kittredge, which occurred recently at their home.

At the Ladies' Club, entertained by Mrs. F. E. Hasseum, Thursday, Mrs. R. Tibbitts gave an excellent review of the recent book, "Beasts, Men, and Gods" by Ferdinand Osenowski, Polish refugee and scholar.

Friends of Miss Bernice R. Keniston, student of vocal training of Miss Gertrude Damsen of Brookline, Mass., will be interested to know that on April 27, Miss Damsen will give a recital in Boston and has selected six of her best students for the number, of which Miss Keniston is one. This recital will be broadcasted by radio from station WNAC.

Stella A. Merrill celebrated her sixth birthday, April 7th, by entertaining 32 little guests at Orange Hall. The party was from 3 to 5 o'clock, and the time was spent in playing games and dancing. The match was led by the little hostess and Albert Brown. A birthday cake was made and presented to Stella by Mrs. Frank Phil. She was the recipient of many pretty little gifts. Refreshments of ice cream and cake were served by Stella's mother, Mrs. Clifford Merrill. Made, Victoria select. Five o'clock came all too soon and the little guests departed wishing their little hostess many more happy birthdays.

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

AS JUNE DRAWS NEAR

In Washington this week, Senators are asking one another across their committee tables, what can be done to make up to the country for the absence of legislation from this session of Congress. Representatives in the lower House are expressing the same concern. The evidence is unmistakable that Congress is tightening up its belt and that there will be many new laws passed to whiten up the record before the national political conventions occur in the nervous month of June.

Washington has been having a deluge of investigations. At the present moment the investigating committees are resting a little, content that they have caught a few big rascals, and exposed some rotten corruption in public affairs. Of course public leaders will continue to be tarred. Some of them deserve to be—others do not.

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BOSTON MARKET REVIEW

Prepared by the Boston Office of the
Bureau of Agricultural Economics,
U. S. Dept. of Agriculture

For Week Ending April 12, 1924

FRUITS AND VEGETABLES

Higher prices on Texas cabbage, beets and carrots and Maine potatoes were the chief developments in the week's trading. Reported scarcity of supplies induced a stronger feeling on Texas cabbage and closing prices were 40c higher at mostly \$1.40 per barrel. Receipts of Texas beets and carrots have been only moderate and good stock closed 25-50c higher; beets mostly \$1.25 and carrots \$2.50 per bu. basket. After weeks of comparative dullness, Maine Green Mt. potatoes strengthened 5-10c, closing \$1.55-2.00 per 100 lb. bag. Potatoes continued weak, best Yellow stock from Maine, N. Y. and Ind. ranging 75c-2.25 per 100 lb. bag, according to size and quality. California lettuce weakened slightly from prevailing high prices, closing 15.00-1.00 per crate at 25-50c dozen. Spanish receipts were heavy and hands. Spanish receipts carried Texas stock to \$1.00-1.25 per bu. basket while Norfolk, Va. stock in barrels ranged \$1.50-2.25 according to quality. California asparagus declined under more liberal receipts, closing mostly \$1.00-1.50 per crate of 12 bunches while South Carolina stock ranged \$1.00-2.00 per crate. Cauliflower continued steady, best Calif. bag closing \$2.50-3.25 per crate of 12 heads and best Oregon broccoli sold \$2.50-2.75 per crate. Closing prices on other lines follow: Peas, 15c; peppers, fancy, 45c per crate; eggplant, fancy, 12.50 per crate; tomatoes 6 basket crates, 180s \$1.00-1.25, 210s \$2.50-2.75 per crate, string beans \$2.50-2.50 per 10 bu. basket. Strawberries 21 pint crates La. Klondike \$1.50 per pt. Fla. Missionaries Pony Refrigerators 19-20c per qt. Barreled apples continue to move slowly. N. Y. A. 2 1/2" Baldwin's closing \$1.00-1.50 per bushel with N. Y. A. 2 1/2" Baldwin's 2.50-4.25 per bushel. Florida oranges and grapefruit continued steady. Street sales ranging nominally \$2.50 per box on best fruit.

DAIRY AND POULTRY PRODUCTS
Dressed poultry firm because of more limited supplies of fresh dressed and better Easter demand. Fowl 5 lbs. 22-25; 4-1/2 lbs. 22-25; 3-1/2 lbs. 20-22; chickens 5 lbs. 21-22; 4-1/2 lbs. 20-22; 3-1/2 lbs. 18-20; stage fowl; large 25-28; small 22-25. Live poultry firm; receipts light and demand more active. Fowl 27c, chicken 24-26c. Butter market has ruled irregular with price fluctuations and closed in a steady position with price tender upward. Buyers took only enough butter for current requirements. Foreign butter continued to arrive 22-25c score 35c; 50-51 score 35c; 43-45 score 37c; 47-48 score 37c. Eggs Market has ruled more or less active. Easter demand and coming Jewish holidays caused prices to gradually work upward, but at the moment a reaction seems started and the tone of the market easy. Westerns 27-28c, extras 28-29c, extra 29-30c, 24-25c, seconds 23-24c, nearby hen eggs 24-25c and brown up to 26c.

While playing along the ice crusted shore of the Little Androscoggin river, New Auburn, Me., Albert Shaw, 11, stepped out too near the edge and a section of ice about three feet square suddenly broke away, and with the boy still standing on it, was caught in the swift current and swept toward the big river. Albert was too busy keeping his balance on his small iceboat shot through the rapids, bumping and tilting, to make any outcry. Archie Eile of New Auburn had observed the boy's plight, who had already reached the big river, who was on his way to the sea. Eile put out in a boat and rescued the lad, who appeared not in the least unnerved, but laughed and said it was a "great ride."

Comparative figures of fatal motor vehicle accidents in Massachusetts cities and towns during 1923, made public by Frank A. Goodwin, State Registrar of motor vehicles, show there were no fatal automobile accidents in 300 communities last year. Better and Newburyport were the two cities attaining this distinction. The latter city had no fatal automobile accidents either in 1922 or 1923. Last year 573 were killed in automobile accidents in this State. Of that number 110 deaths occurred in Boston. The registration of motor vehicles in 1923 totaled 577,533.

The annual meeting of the New England Cranberry Sales Company was held in Carver Mass., Town Hall with a large representation of growers from all over the berry country on hand. Reports were submitted of last year's activities in the cranberry industry by A. U. Chaney. He said there were 625,000 barrels produced this year, the largest crop since 1914. Of this, 366,000 barrels were grown in the Cape Cod country. The average price for all the berries sold was 47.7c gross per barrel. The Cape Cod berries brought a gross of 77.50 per barrel, for an average, he said.

Damages of \$700,000, a new high figure in courts of Cumberland County, Me., are sought by Nicholas Kalsman of New York in a suit filed in supreme court against the American Cokes & Chemical Company of Chicago. He alleges breach of contract in hiring him as chemist for 10 years, at a salary of \$12,000 annually for the first five years, and not less than \$12,000 for the last five years. In addition, Mr. Kalsman claims that, in return for the delivery of formulas and processes in the defendant company, he was to receive \$100,000 and a stock interest of \$50,000. The processes were in connection with the dyeing industry and it is charged that defendant failed to carry out the terms of the contract.

Charles H. Greenleaf, for the last 45 years proprietor of the Hotel Vendome, Boston, and for 37 years proprietor of the Franklin House at Framingham, N. H., died in Manchester, N. C. He was born in Danville, Vt. 35 years ago, a son of Seth and Lydia Hall. Greenleaf was educated in the public and private schools of Concord, N. H. He entered the hotel business early in life, and was connected with hotels in Washington, New York, Boston and the White Mountains.

IT HAPPENED IN NEW ENGLAND

News of General Interest From the Six States

Edoras Rouleau, 51, owner of a small farm in Gardner, Mass., and father of 10 children, was found dead in his barn by Diana Rouleau, his 16-year-old daughter. He had been kicked to death by his horse.

Michael Seretto, who landed on American shores from Italy less than 25 years ago as a penniless immigrant and by working days as a laborer and studying at night developed into one of the most successful contractors in this section of the country, died at the Peter Bent Brigham Hospital, Boston, of cancer of the tongue. Seretto, who was 43, was fulfilling contracts aggregating \$1,500,000 at the time of his death.

Gov. Pinchot of Pennsylvania will speak on "Making America Dry" at the Methodist Men's convention to be held in Springfield, Mass., May 10 and 11, in connection with the general conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church.

Gov. Cox of Massachusetts received and accepted the resignation of Judge John T. Moriarty, associate justice of the Superior court, who was fined \$125 in the Holyoke court recently on a charge of operating a motor vehicle while under the influence of liquor. Moriarty pleaded guilty.

A novel petition was filed with City Clerk Towse of Worcester, Mass., for reference to the city council. Arvid Anderson, the petitioner, asks for the abatement of a sewer assessment of \$255 on property owned by him on Plantation street. The reason given for the asking of the abatement is "ill health of the owner."

An indictment charging two Androscoggin county, Me., deputy sheriffs, Alvin C. Levesque and John J. Maloney of Lewiston, with conspiracy to violate the Volstead act by accepting bribes from rum sellers in return for protection and by sales of alcohol to liquor dealers, was returned by the grand jury of United States district court Portland.

The committee on claims of the Lynn, Mass., city council received a bill for \$125 from a Lynn policeman who contends the city should reimburse him in that sum for an appendicitis operation directly due, he says, to the performance of his duty. He traces the appendicitis to a fall through a hole while struggling with an intended prisoner.

With Judge Wiley administering justice 10 feet away in district court, Worcester, Mass., and with Deputy Chief McMurray, Capt. James T. Johnson and other police and court officials in the room, the coat pocket of Atty. John L. Blanchi was picked in the courtroom, he reported to Capt. Johnson after the session.

William E. Yates, Jr., 14, high school student of Pittsfield, Mass., a recent scarlet fever patient, gave an ounce of his immune blood to save the life of Florence Proctor, 3, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Proctor. Blood injected into the child's muscles has given her sufficient resistance so that it is believed she now will recover, although she has been critically ill.

The largest mileage of state roads improved in Maine from 1914 to 1923 was in Arundel County, a total of 37 miles, and the work was done at a cost of \$1,246,377, according to an announcement by the State Highway Commission. Counties in which the expenditure was greater during this period, although the mileage was considerably less, were Kennebec, Cumberland and Penobscot.

Clyde E. Tillson, of Belgrade Lakes, Me., recently cut down a tree 106 feet high, the so-called pumpkin vine variety of pine. Rings in the cross section indicated the tree was 157 years old. It topped off 22 feet, and out of it Mr. Tillson got more than 4000 feet of lumber. The butt log, 12 feet long, saved up 255 feet of lumber. It is believed this was the largest tree in Kennebec County.

Establishment of a terminal for the landing of immigrants at Portland, Me., by several of the big steamship lines awaits reductions of rail fares from Portland to New York City, according to an announcement made at a meeting of executives representing the port, the city, the state, the Boston & Maine Railroad, the immigration department and steamship men. Immigrants were landed at Portland late last year and conditions were found to be so satisfactory that a large scale in the future, provided that satisfactory arrangements can be made with regard to fares.

NOISE, A POOR INDICATOR OF VALUE

A boy who was very much interested in different makes of automobiles soon learned to tell by listening, what make of machine was approaching. He was surprised to find that the largest cars made very little noise. They went by easily and silently. As the boy grew older he began to be a student of human nature. He discovered that quiet people—who talked very little were usually the ones who lifted most in every enterprise; while those who made a great noise were usually those who did the least for the advance of humanity.

RADIO PROGRAMS

Westinghouse Radio Station WBZ
Springfield, Mass.
837 Meters—890 Kilocycles

THURSDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

7 P. M.—Music talk by Robert Elisha Stanley Olmsted, professor of vocal music at Smith College. The subjects for tonight are: "Musical Forms, the Suite, Sonata and Symphonie Treatment."

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kids.

7:40 P. M.—Concert by Ruth Countess Perry, soprano, Mr. Spencer D. Terry, baritone.

(a) "Ah, Love But a Day" Beach
(b) "Songs My Mother Taught Me" Dvorak

Mr. Terry

Baritone group:
(a) "Even Bravest Hearts" (Faust)
(b) "The Late Player" Allinson

Mr. Terry

Duet, "Passage Birds Farewell" Hildach

Mr. and Mrs. Terry

Soprano solo, "I'll eat don't eat don't (Herodias) Massenet

Mr. Terry

Baritone group:
(a) "Pilgrims' Song" Tchaikowsky
(b) "King Charles" White

Mr. Terry

Soprano group:
(a) "Invocation to Eros" K
(b) "Vale" Russell

Mr. Terry

Baritone group:
(a) "Tommy Lad" Margeson
(b) "Pirates song" Gilbert

Mr. Terry

Duet, "O Moment That I Bless" Deanece

Mr. and Mrs. Terry

FRIDAY

11:55 A. M.—Arlington time signals; weather reports; Boston and Springfield market reports.

6:00 P. M.—Dinner concert by the WBZ orchestra:

Overture, Selected
Joy of Youth, Haydn
Trio Selection, Raymond

Selection from "Les Huguenots" Meyerbeer
MacDowell
Brefus
Roberts

Allegretto from Ballet music from "Faust" Gounod
Bisot

7 P. M.—"Ten Minutes Show," a dramatized story prepared by Youth's Companion, Current Book Review by R. A. Macdonald of the Court Square Book Store

7:30 P. M.—Bedtime story for the kids

8:25 P. M.—Arlington time signals

SATURDAY

8:00 P. M. Formal Opening of the New Kimball Hotel Studio.

1 "Rat Spangled Banner," by Jack Hall and his Romanians, Lane's Ballroom Orchestra

2 Address: Honorable Edwin F. Leon and Mayor of Springfield

3 Orchestral selection; Jack Hall and his Romanians, Lane's Ballroom Orchestra

4 Address: Charles T. Shann, treasurer

SKILLINGTON

Rex Robinson has moved into the house vacated by Frank Heath and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Griffin and Clarence Judkins were in No. Newry, Sunday.

Mrs. W. H. Griffin has a telephone installed in her home.

Mrs. J. P. Skillings has returned home from Wakefield, Mass.

A. B. Sanborn has begun work in the mill again.

Archie Young went to Sunday River and got his automobile, Sunday.

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Mr. Charles Weston, soprano

13 Springfield Conservatory French Male Quartet

14 Smith College Trio

15 Dance music by McEnelly's Orchestra from "The Butterfly," Cook's

16 Dance Palace Beautiful

17 Selected, WBZ Trio

18 Springfield Conservatory Male Quartet

19 Dance music by McEnelly's Orchestra from "The Butterfly," Cook's

20 Dance Palace Beautiful

21 Mrs. Charles Weston, soprano

22 Walter B. Marsh, baritone

23 Mrs. Carl Rommel, pianist

24 Dance music by McEnelly's Orchestra from "The Butterfly," Cook's

25 Dance Palace Beautiful

26 Mrs. Madeline Provost Wurtz, lyric soprano (Springfield Conservatory of Music)

27 Mary Regal, pianist

28 William S. Tilton, baritone (Springfield Conservatory of Music)

29 Laura Jones, violinist

30 Winifred Beaver, pianist

31 Selected, WBZ Orchestra (Eastern Standard Time)

CANTON

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Ripley of North Paris have been visiting Mrs. Ripley's brother, Robert Henry, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry have moved to South Hartford, where Mr. Henry will be employed by James Barbee.

Mr. and Mrs. Emory Jones of New York are guests of Mrs. Helen Swasey.

Mrs. Hayes Pulsifer of Farmington has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Hollis.

Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Patterson have returned home from a visit with relatives and friends in Boston and vicinity.

Mrs. Effie Davenport is spending a few days with friends in Auburn.

Mrs. Hazel Grover spent Thursday and Friday in Lewiston.

Among those who attended New Century Pommery Grange at Rockfield, Wednesday were: Mrs. Effie Davenport, Mrs. Corn Fuller, Mrs. Annie Rose, Mrs. Ethel Gooding, Ethel Russell, A. E. Russell, John Briggs, Mrs. L. A. Bryant, Mrs. Elsie Hines and Mrs. Caro Hardock.

The following cases of measles have been reported: Thomas and Eva York, Barbara Boothby, Albert, Nicholas and Angelina Romano, Etienne Child and Reginald Reed.

Merton Ellis, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Alphonse Ellis, has returned to Ramford.

Elvin Sampson will move his family to Turner Center, where he will have charge of the town farm.

Mrs. Crystal Bennett returned to Norway, Wednesday. She will be employed this summer at head waitress at Beach Tavern.

Mrs. Henry Sully of Westbrook has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. H. W. Bicknell, and family.

Mrs. Persis Noyes of Dixfield is a guest of her brother, W. A. Lucas.

The Universalist Parish meeting was held on Monday night.

Mrs. Charles Ray and children, Mary, Margaret and Conrad were guests Saturday of Mrs. Ray's mother, Mrs. Linus Libby, of West Peru.

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BETHEL AND VICINITY

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Mr. H. N. Drayton has a new Essex "Six" coach.

Miss Mildred Bartlett returned from Lewiston, Sunday.

Prof. W. R. Chapman was in Bethel one day last week.

Mr. Fred Carter is working on the block signal on the O. T. R.

Mr. Robert York and family were Sunday guests at S. L. Grover's.

Mrs. Miriam Wilcox of Norway is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wm. Lowe.

The Ladies' Club will meet Thursday P. M. with Mrs. H. B. Hastings.

Mrs. A. E. K. Grover was the guest of Mrs. George Haggood, Wednesday.

Mrs. Harry Luman and Mrs. P. E. Andrews were in Bethel one day last week.

Mrs. Harry Laby of Gray is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harlan Wheel.

Mr. P. L. Edwards has commenced driving the pulp from the meadow brooks.

Mrs. L. H. (Gibby) returned from Boston, Monday, where she has been spending a week.

Mrs. Stephen Byrd of Berlin, N. H., was the guest of her mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Mann, Friday.

Mr. Will Haggood of North Stratford, N. H., was a guest at the Haggood home the last of the week.

Mr. Lillian Littlehale is having a vacation from his duties on the railroad and is at his home in town.

Miss Vivian Wright is home from Tufts College for a short season. Miss Margaret Pettigrew of Boston is her guest.

Mrs. Corrie Grover of Gorham, Me., has been spending some time with her mother, Mrs. Eliza Spincey, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Mundt.

Mr. Percy Flint has completed his duties in U. S. Thimble's store and has gone to Long Pond in the Magalloway region to superintend the drive for the Brown Co.

Mrs. Ella Mansfield entertained a party of friends Tuesday evening at her home in honor of her daughter, Mrs. Paul Badger. Five tables of bridge whist were enjoyed.

The evening service at Garland Chapel Sunday was very interesting. The young people of the Universalist church were guests of the Christian Reformed. The service by the church of the choir of young people, the solo by Mrs. Marshall Hastings and Mr. Beaster, and the orchestra composed of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Herrick and daughter, Katherine, and Miss Madeline Dineck, were much appreciated. Rev. Mr. Wells, pastor of the Universalist church, gave a helpful address. The following was the program:

Prayer, hymns, 131, 132, 322

Responsive reading

Chorus, Young People's Choir

Scripture, Rev. Mr. Wells

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Mrs. Ada Ashby has returned to Portland after spending a month with her daughter, Mrs. R. R. Tibbette.

Mr. L. A. Hall went to Lewiston, Monday, where he expects to enter the C. M. G. Hospital for treatment.

Mr. and Mrs. Horace Ames were called to Bethel recently by the illness of their sister, Mrs. Vera Park.

Mrs. Ula Parsons and Mr. Will Haggood were supper guests of Mr. and Mrs. George Haggood and family, Sunday.

Friends of Mrs. Susan Perkins are very sorry to learn of her illness at the home of her daughter in Newmarket, N. H.

Master Richard Holt returned from Norway, Monday, where he has been spending the school vacation with his mother.

Miss Alice Brown, who was a recent guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brown, has returned to her school in Boston.

Miss Margaret Vandekerkhoven has returned to her school in Boston after spending a short vacation at her home in town.

Misses Harry Carter of Berlin, N. H., and Gale Carter of Colebrook, N. H., spent Sunday with their mother, Mrs. Ella Carter.

Mr. Gerald Evans, who has been employed on the block signal system, and residing at Mrs. Lizzie Thowen's, has been transferred to Portland.

Mrs. Mildred Farrar and little daughter of Randolph, N. H., have been spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Owen Demeritt.

Mr. and Mrs. John W. Carter, who have been spending the winter in Boston, have returned to Bethel and opened their home on Broad Street.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Lyon, Mrs. Ula Parsons and Mr. Will Haggood were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Lyon and family on Grover Hill, Sunday.

The W. C. T. U. met with Mrs. J. C. Briggs, Tuesday P. M. Plans for work for the coming year were discussed, also for the County Convention which is to be held in Norway, May 21st.

The Pine Tree Humane Society is at the service of anyone requiring their services. Agents will be sent anywhere upon request to investigate any cases that may be brought to their attention. All information will be treated as confidential. Charles A. Gould, President of the Society, Farmington, Me., is the man to consult.

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WEST BETHEL

Mr. and Mrs. Norman H. Hall are receiving congratulations on the birth of a daughter, April 8th, Muriel Thurston.

A trained nurse is in attendance. Robert Gilbert of Colebrook, N. H., was in this place recently.

Ruth Lutton has employment in the home of Norman Hall and family.

After a vacation of two weeks the school began Monday with the same teachers, Clara Mason, Grammar, and Katherine Brown, Primary.

Miss Laura Hutchinson spent the week-end at her home here.

Doris Jordan gave a party Saturday evening in honor of her fourteenth birthday. There were twenty-five of her young friends present.

Mrs. Maud O'Reilly went to her school at White River Junction, Vt., Friday.

Mrs. Harry Mills of Gorham, N. H., visited Mrs. Emma Mills, Monday.

Mrs. Henry Rolfe is the guest of her sister at Oxford.

Elmer Allen of Bethel village was up to see Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Allen, Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Bartlett and son, Wilbert, were the guests of Mrs. W. D. Mills, Sunday.

Mrs. George Auger and little son are the guests of relatives in Canada.

Grace Farwell was in Gorham, N. H., Tuesday.

WEST PARIS

The Jolly Twelve Whist Club will hold a public card and dancing party Saturday evening at Orange Hall.

Rev. Eleanor H. Forbes attended the funeral of Mrs. Hazeltine at Sumner, Friday.

Lewis J. Mann is recovering from an attack of pneumonia and under the care of a trained nurse, Miss Doris Williams.

C. L. Bidden is on a business trip to New York.

All interested in the May sale for grade school piano fund are requested to meet with Mrs. C. E. Stearns, Main Street, Thursday afternoon.

Miss Porter, field worker for the W. C. T. U. spoke at the Federated church last Wednesday evening. She is a very able speaker and held the close attention of her audience.

Mrs. Columbia Dunham is in very poor health.

George W. Devine and family are expected home early in May, and their many friends will be glad when they return.

Hezekiah Farrar is at the Central Maine General Hospital, where he has undergone a surgical operation. His condition is serious, but latest reports are that he is resting comfortably. Mrs. Farrar is with him much of the time.

Levi Smith has moved to his new home near Irish Bros.' home, which he recently purchased.

Miss Maud Carter is expected home soon for a visit with her father, L. B. Carter, and sister, Mrs. P. H. Packard.

RUMFORD POINT

Mrs. F. H. Baker and Mrs. Hayes arrived in town last week from Florida.

Caroline Blanchard is home from a trip to New York and Washington.

Flora Heald arrived home Saturday from a vacation in Boston and Rhode Island.

Almost every home here has been visited by the mumps.

L. H. Hutchins' hand is on the gain. Mrs. Ellingwood has finished work at John Martin's and Mrs. Charles Duran has taken her place.

Susan Martin is visiting relatives in New York.

GROVER HILL

Mrs. Eliza Spincey has been very ill but is much improved.

Alton Hutchinson recently visited friends in Norway.

Karl Stearns went to Berlin, Thursday. From there he went to the Aniscom region where he will be clerk for the Brown Co. on the spring drive.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Spincey, from Sunday River, Mrs. H. M. Kendall also

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The Easter showing of New Apparel is ready. Assortments were never more complete and styles never so attractive. Weeks and months of careful planning and selection have brought together an array of which we are justly proud.

We invite you to this showing with the thought that you will find pleasure in inspecting the beautiful garments and materials for your adornment. We want you to come feeling that you are welcome—that you may look around as much as you wish and buy as little as you like—or not at all.

SMART COATS

Exclusive styling, different fabrics and a wide assortment enables one to choose a coat from our extensive stock with a source of pleasure attached to it, particularly if one delights in selecting a mode that reflects individual taste.

Many of the coats have novelty cuffs, pockets and fancy stitching, although many of the most beautiful garments rely on their graceful lines and exquisite fabrics to appeal. Hardly a day goes by that we do not have a shipment of new coats.

Spring Coats, \$12.50 up to \$49.50

THE SPRING SUITS

Keeping pace with every phase of fashion and adding touches of individuality that make for style distinction, these suits are also notable for many niceties of workmanship, smartly cut collars, well set shoulders and the right fitting sleeves emphasize expert tailoring. Materials are navy blue pique twill, and attractive sport suitings.

Spring Suits, \$24.75 up to \$49.75

NEW HOSIERY

In the new Hosiery for Spring now on display may be seen many new colors. As much depends upon material and workmanship for long wearing qualities in stockings, we have chosen our brands from well known manufacturers who use only the best materials and employ modern methods to have their Hosiery enjoy the distinction of being as nearly perfect as human skill can make it.

You can have Gopham "Gold Stripes," Holeproof and Berkshire Hosiery here.

CLEVER SPORT SKIRTS

Fitting in with every hour of the day come these new sport skirts and every woman will see the wisdom of including one or two in her wardrobe. New materials made up into wrappy and pleated models with novel pockets.

New Skirts, \$4.95 up to \$9.95

UNDERMUSLINS IN DESIRABLE MATERIALS

Just out of their boxes are these exquisitely styled envelope chemises, step-in chemises, princess slips, costume slips, step-in drawers, bloomers, camisoles and petticoats. Extremely lovely and they are distinguished by fine laces and embroideries. A splendid opportunity for women to purchase good supplies of pretty inexpensive under muslins.

THE NEW GLOVE STYLES

While our glove stocks have always been most satisfactory from the standpoint of smart style and serviceable wearing qualities, this season's showing goes even further in allowing pleasing individual choice. Styles are the popular gauntlets and tiny cuffs of imported fabrics and kid gloves are here in the new colors.

SILK CREPE DRESSES

The styles were never more attractive than is revealed in these new dresses. Unusually becoming models of fashionable crepes with clever new trimmings, touches in embroidery, ribbons and laces to emphasize their attractiveness, drapings are used extensively. Many new colors, as well as navy and brown.

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Store will be open all day Patriot's Day, Saturday, until 9 P. M.

MAINE WEEKLY REVIEW

Portland—Building one day totaled \$23,500. Biddeford—Biddeford and First National Bank merge with \$200,000. Gardiner—Plans being building factory of 30,000.

Thornton Heights—For erection of new building. Dover-Foxcroft—Site of new school.

Portland—State Chamber and Associated Maine co-operate in erection of Maine hull.

Lewiston—Strand the largest and improved at West Lebanon—\$10,000 for schools and highway.

Lewiston—1924 street program to include paved Main streets with also paving Sabbath, Oak and Walnut street.

MAINE WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL REVIEW

Portland—Building permits issued in one day totaled \$22,500.

Biddeford—Biddeford National Bank and First National Bank of Biddeford merge with \$200,000 combined capital. Gardner—Plans being made for rebuilding factory of James Walker & Son.

Thornton Heights—Plans being made for erection of new bridge.

Dover-Foxcroft—Site purchased for erection of new school building.

Portland—State Chamber of Commerce and Associated Industries of Maine co-operate in raising \$25,000 for erection of Maine building on Eastern States Exposition grounds.

Lewiston—Strand theatre being enlarged and improved at cost of \$35,000.

West Lebanon—\$10,000 to be spent for schools and highways in this city.

Lewiston—1924 street improvement program to include paving Ash, Park and Main streets with granite blocks, also paving Sabbathus, Pierce, Canal, Oak and Walnut streets with asphalt; estimated cost, \$170,000.

FIGHT FIRE ON FARMS

The National Board of Fire Underwriters is compiling a record of fire losses on farm property in various states covering the period of 1918-1921. The total will run well toward \$100,000,000.

The average farm house is not subjected to danger caused by fire in adjoining buildings as is the case with city buildings. On the other hand there is little or no fire protection provided for farm dwelling or outbuilding.

Too many farmers fail to recognize the ever present danger from fire. Farm buildings should be the most carefully safeguarded against loss from various fires.

Chiefly responsible among the known causes of fire on farm property are lightning, defective chimneys and flues, stoves, furnaces, boilers and their pipes, spontaneous combustion, matches, smoking and petroleum and its products.

Every farmer knows that he can remove the lightning hazard by a very simple and inexpensive method of lightning rod equipment. Defective chimneys and flues are wholly within the control of the owner of the property.

Proper repairing of stoves, furnaces, boilers and pipes is a matter of good housekeeping which is almost criminal to neglect. Sparks on roofs cannot be entirely eliminated but if the chimneys are tight and run to a proper height danger from this cause is reduced to a minimum.

Fires caused by petroleum and its products can be wholly eliminated if proper care is maintained in using these articles and if they are kept in receptacles intended for the purpose. Spontaneous combustion usually results either from oily rags, paint or similar material left carelessly where last used or from explosions in barns due to improper ventilation. It is simple to avoid these hazards by the use of ordinary intelligence.

For every bit of farm property that is destroyed, the profits of some farmer are wiped out and the "problems of agriculture" are increased by just that much, for the farmer must secure new capital with which to replace property destroyed. This must all be charged up against the high cost of production on farms.

As to fatalities and mutilations due to fire on the farm, there are no available statistics but conservative opinion holds that of the 30,000 deaths and injuries by fire in the United States in 1923, a regrettable number occurred in rural districts.

To avoid the larger part of America's fire loss, whether it be in town or country, does not require any specialized knowledge but only the quality of ordinary carelessness and the exercise of common sense.

DUTY ALONE HOLDS

IRONIST PUBLIC SERVANTS

Every great man who has tried to serve the public has usually had critics and those who have not.

In commenting on the reported criticism that is heaped against Secretary of the Treasury Mellon in his effort to reduce the taxation burden of the American people, the Columbia (N.Y.) State Journal says:

"Mr. Mellon's admirable work and that he holds his present position chiefly with a view of advancement to his private fortune. The absurdity of the idea is that, if such were the object of a man of Mr. Mellon's special abilities he would not be devoting his time to public office. He could make more money by giving his attention to his own interests. We do not believe that any consideration but downright patriotism keeps Mr. Mellon in public service, the political side of which he detests. He knows that the work of his department has to be done and that he has the qualifications to do it with unusual skill and so he stays, disdaining against his personal inclination, and stands unswerving and alone of persons who have only a politician's knowledge of the subject of finance."

The country is not going broke so long as railroads must order more cars to haul automobiles than farm products.

NATURE TELLS YOU

As Many a Bethel Reader Knows Too Well.

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F. R. Merrill, Main St., Bethel, says: "Whenever my kidneys become sluggish in action or my back gets to hurting, I use Doan's Pills, which I got at Rosserman's Drug Store and they never fail to bring relief. I have been following the lumbering business for years and exposure and taking cold I blame for my kidney trouble. I had backache so bad I couldn't do a tap of work. The pains across my back and kidneys completely put me past going and my kidneys didn't act regularly at times. The secretions passed too often, were scanty and painful and I couldn't rest nights. After I began taking Doan's Pills relief followed."

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THE J. E. JONES LETTER

(Continued from page 1)

tions occur in June.

OUR SUCCESSORS

It is beautiful Springtime in Washington, and the Capital City is at its best. Incoming railroad trains are unloading large excursion parties of high school boys and girls, who are coming in groups to enjoy their Easter vacation days. They are a satisfying lot, because strength of character is registered on the countenances of these young people.

A good deal of loose criticism exists concerning the girls growing up today, and the flapper and the cigarette smoker gets about all the righteous condemnation that she deserves. Dare devil boys with hostile fangs on their hips have just as hard a time in explaining their methods of conduct. One would suppose to hear some people talk that the entire youth of the land was semi-demoralized. But that is because bad boys and girls are talked about most, while good boys and girls are simply taken for granted.

So it is interesting to watch these throngs of excursionists who always come by the thousands at this time of the year to see the Capital of their country. Really they aren't much different from their mothers and fathers who came here twenty or twenty-five years ago as members of their own school parties. The new crop has a broader outlook on life and they wouldn't be keeping up with civilization if they hadn't speeded up a little. Their parents came here with a return trip ticket, a few sandwiches and hard-boiled eggs, and about five dollars apiece to "spend on having a good time." But of course this method has gone.

The boys and girls who come from their schools to Washington on these Spring days show a keener interest in the affairs of the Nation than their parents did. They are interested in seeing the Government buildings, and you could hardly drag one of them back home unless there had been a side trip to Mount Vernon, the home of George Washington; and to the National Cemetery, where thousands of the nation's soldier heroes are buried. They go to the White House, where their Presidents have lived; they visit the botanic gardens and later through the Capitol grounds, and get the thrill out of the fact that here they discover nearly all varieties of trees and flowers. No one ever heard of one of these young stars being accused of misconduct, or landing in the police station. And may be their parents did not have quite so satisfactory a record.

So why worry about the few wild ones?

centricities that attract attention to part of the younger population today. The vast majority of boys and girls are as high-minded and worthy as the generations that preceded them. As a matter of fact there was a lamentable lack of perfection among the youths "of our days." A lot of adults unblushingly admit that they were not always so perfect as they seem now to be.

RUBBER TIRES AND TROUBLES

One of the big rubber companies in its annual report shows an increase of over ten per cent in its business for 1923 as compared with 1922. It speaks hopefully of the future for the reason that it has been working out of tire production into other kinds of rubber goods.

The rubber industry has been spectacular in many respects. For a few years the rubber companies made a great deal of money out of tires, and they built their hopes for the future on owning the foreign sources of the raw products, and they shipped these raw products to the United States for manufacturing purposes. Well organized sales companies completed the chain of the industry; and the whole business was made possible through huge issues of stocks and bonds. It looked like easy money for a long time, but the roiled reports to stockholders do not stand up with the tales of woe that are told by people who bought and held the stock, and saw it tumble to the lower depths. In the sugar game the refining and sales business is kept apart from the plantation end of the game. Coffee exporters also play safe from "foreign entanglements." This is equally true with most industries. But rubber stretched out to hold the weight of all kinds of foreign relations. And if the rubber band does not "burst" some people will be lucky.

ANDOVER

Faye Dresser and Della Thornton, who have been spending their vacation at their homes, returned to the Gosham Normal School, Monday.

Born, Sunday, April 13, to the wife of Merton Pressey, twin daughters. Hervey Hall, who has been very ill, is much improved.

Mrs. Frank Thomas has gone to Norway to help care for her sister, Mrs. Frank Hurd, who is ill with blood poisoning.

There will be an Easter ball in the town hall, Monday evening, April 21. The Happy Five Orchestra will furnish music. Supper will be served by the Hook and Ladder Company.

Edward Pratt has finished working in the apical mill and lived with Ray Thornton for the summer.

One of the prettiest home wedding of the season took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Neal Bodwell, Saturday afternoon at 4 o'clock, when their eldest son, Mr. Bodwell, was united in marriage with Miss Marion Robinson of Palmyra, Maine. The ceremony was performed by Rev. C. W. Robinson, pastor of the Congregational Church. Only the immediate family was present. Both young people have a host of friends who wish them much happiness.

SOUTH ALBANY

L. L. Kimball and E. R. Skedd were in Norway, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Kimball called at W. B. Cummings', Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Allen are soon to return to their home in this place. All will be glad to welcome them home.

Mrs. Walter Canwell is boarding the teacher in the Dresser District.

Ernest Stone was in Norway, Monday.

Mrs. Hazel Wardwell and son Arthur Eugene visited her friends, Mrs. Evelyn McKee, Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown called at J. A. Kimball's, Thursday.

J. A. Kimball recently sold a cow and two calves to Ernest Brown.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Brown are staying at Mrs. Lathrop's.

TYPEWRITER RIBBONS—We can get you a ribbon for any make type, writer you want. Call up the Citizen Office and ask us about it.

FOREST PROTECTION PROCLAIMED BY PRESIDENT

Forest Protection Week for 1924 has been designated by President Coolidge for April 21-27, inclusive, announces the Forest Service, United States Department of Agriculture.

In his proclamation, President Coolidge calls attention to the appalling losses that occur each year from forest fires, and urges all citizens, either in association or as individuals, to protect all wooded areas from fire. Governors of many States will issue proclamations supplementing the one issued by the President, and Arbor Day in several States will be observed during Forest Protection Week.

Secretary of Agriculture Wallace and W. B. Greeley, Chief of the Forest Service, have many times emphasized the importance of preventing forest fires, about 36,000 of which every year sweep 11,000,000 acres of land.

People Are Careless With Fire Secretary Wallace has stated that eight out of every ten forest fires result from human carelessness and will not happen once the public is brought face to face with the serious losses these fires cause. These losses fall especially heavy on the American public since the United States uses more sawtimber than all other nations combined.

Chief Forester Greeley says it is not difficult for everyone to be careful with fire while in wooded areas. Here are simple rules which if observed will go far toward reducing the appalling number of man-caused forest fires reported every year: Be sure your match is out before throwing it away. Don't throw cigars, cigarettes, and pipe ashes along the roadside. Build small camp fires away from brush and small trees. Never leave your camp fire unwatched. Make sure your camp fire is dead—then bury it. Keep in touch with Forest Rangers and Fire Wardens and report all fires you may see, no matter how small. Be as careful with fire while you are in wooded areas as you would be in your own home.

Criminal fires play their part in augmenting the tremendous national debt heap, although the prosecution of arson grows increasingly successful.

By the President of the United States of America.

A PROCLAMATION.

Whereas, it is essential to the national comfort, welfare, and prosperity of the people of the United States that abundant forests, widely distributed and maintained in a condition of high productivity, be forever wisely conserved as one of our greatest natural resources; and

Whereas, because of our constantly increasing need for wood and other forest products, together with our past failure to provide for reforestation, we are drawing upon our supplies of timber four times as fast as they are renewed through growth; and

Whereas, the most formidable agency of forest destruction and preventive of reforestation is fire and, of the fires which annually devastate vast areas, four fifths are ascribed in origin to human agencies and virtually all may be controlled and made innocuous through

prudence, care, and vigilance; Therefore, I, Calvin Coolidge, President of the United States, do urge upon the Governors of the various States to designate and set apart the week of April 21-27, 1924, as Forest Protection Week, and, wherever practicable and not in conflict with State law or accepted customs, to celebrate Arbor Day within that week. I also urge all citizens, either in association or as individuals, all schools, and the press of the land to give common thought to the protection of our forests from fire, to the end that, in the future as in the past, these forests may supply us with wood, protect the purity of our streams, and otherwise serve the people of the United States.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done at the City of Washington this 15th day of Feb., in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty-four, and of the Independence of the United States of America the one hundred and forty-eighth.

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By the President:

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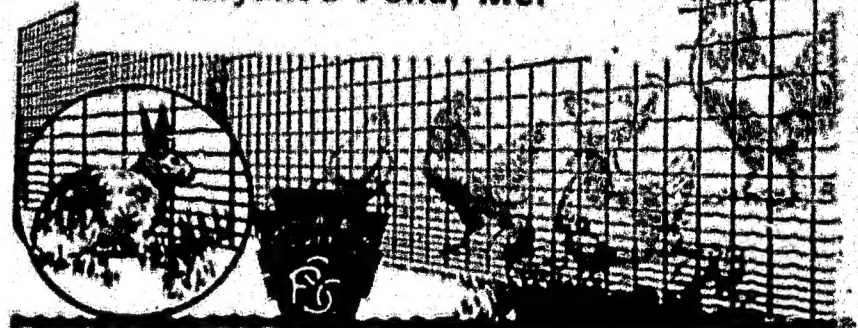
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VIOLA GWYN

George Barr McCutcheon

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She led him to a crudely constructed bench at the foot of a towering elm whose lower branches swept the fore-corner of the roof.

"Let us sit here, Kenny dear," she said. "It is where I shall come and sit every night while you are gone away. It will be the trysting place for our thoughts."

"That's wonderful, Viola," he said, impressed. "The trysting place for our thoughts. Are, and that it shall be. Every night, no matter where my body may go or what peril it may be in, I shall be here beside you in my thoughts."

She rested against him, in the crook of his strong right arm, her head against his shoulder, and they both fell silent and pensive under the spell of a wondrous enchantment.

After a while, she spoke, and there was a note of despair in her voice:

"What is to become of us, Kenny? What are we to do?"

"No power on earth can take you away from me now, Viola," he said. "Ab—think! It," she said miserably. "You call me Viola—and still you wonder why I ask what we are to do."

"You mean—about—"

"We can be nothing more to each other than we are now. There is someone else we must think of. I forgot her for a little while, Kenny—I was so happy that I forgot her."

"Where were two souls so tried as ours," he groaned, and again silence fell between them.

Knocking at the window from which Viola had peered so short a time before, looking down upon the figures under the tree, was Rachel Carter. She could hear their low voices, and her ears, made sharp by pain, caught the rapturous and the forlorn passages breathed upon the still air.

She arose stiffly and drew back into the darkness, out of the dim, starlit path, and standing there with her head high, her arms outspread, she made her solemn vow of self-renunciation.

"I have no right to stand between them and happiness. They have done so wrong. They do not deserve to be punished. My mind is made up. Tomorrow I shall speak. God has brought them together. It is not for me to keep them apart. Ah, tomorrow I shall speak."

Then Rachel Carter, at peace with herself, went back to her bed across the hall and was soon asleep, a smile upon her lips, the creases wiped from between her eyes as if by some magic something hand.

CHAPTER XXIV

The Ending.

At crack-of-day Kenneth rode out of his stableyard on Brandy Boy, and went cantering away, followed on foot by the excited Zachariah, bound for the parade ground where the "soldiers" were to concentrate.

The ride turned to the little group huddled at Rachel's gate—three tall women who waved back to him, bounding the bend, he sent a swift glance over his shoulder. There was but one figure at the gate now; she blew a kiss to him.

Nearly three hundred horsemen moved out of Lafayette that forenoon amidst the greatest excitement and enthusiasm. Most of them swam their horses across the river, too eager to wait for the small ferry to transport them to the opposite bank. They were fearfully and wonderfully armed and equipped for the expedition. Guns of all descriptions and sizes; pistols, axes, knives and differently secured swords; pikes and pikes and pikes; blankets, knapsacks and parcels of varying sizes; in all a strange and motley assortment that would have caused a troop of regulars to die of laughter. But the valiant spirit was there. Even the provost and his frightened gentlemen who strapped cumbersome and in some cases voluminous umbrellas (because of their extraneous contents) across their backs alongside the guns, were no more timorous than their aw-shucking neighbors who stormed the toughest even as they stood at the bloodthirsty rallying. Four heavily laden wagons brought up the rear.

Kenneth Gwynne rode beside the ubiquitous "Judge" Billings, who cheerfully and persistently sought to "sway" horses with him when not otherwise employed in discussing upon the vast intricacies of certain specially named officers who rode in all their plumed glory at or near the head of the column. He was particularly out of sympathy with a head-mouthed Lieutenant.

"Why," said he, "if the captain were to say 'halt' suddenly that fellow'd lose his mind trying to think what to do. No more head on him than a green-hopper. And him up there after all!"

Gers to a lot of bright fellows like you an' me an' the rest of us! By gosh, I'd like to be hidin' around where I could see the look on the Indian's face that scalps him. The minute he got through scrapin' a little hide an' hair off of the top of that fellow's head he'd be able to see clear down to the back of his Adam's apple."

Historians have recorded the experiences and achievements of this gallant troop of horse. It is not the intention of the present chronicler to digress. Nine or ten days after they rode out from Lafayette, the majority of the company rode back again and were received with acclamations.

As a matter of fact, Black Hawk was at no time near the Indiana border. His operations were confined to northwestern Illinois.

Kenneth Gwynne did not go back to Lafayette with the main body of troops; he decided to join Captain McGeorge and his undaunted little band of adventurers.

He would have been amazed, even shocked, could he have known all that transpired in Lafayette on the day following his departure. He was not to know for many a day, as it was nearly three weeks after the return of the main body of troops that McGeorge and his little band rode wearily down through the Grand Prairie and entered the town, their approach being heralded by a scout sent on in advance.

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He looked at her shrewdly for a moment and then, as the full significance of her plan grew upon him, revealing in a flash the motive behind it, he exclaimed:

"Well, by gosh, you certainly have done an almighty lot of calculating."

"And why shouldn't I? She is my child. Is it likely that I would give myself the worst of everything without seeing to it that she gets the best of everything? No, my friend; you must not underestimate my intelligence. I will speak plainly to you—but in confidence. This is between you and me. There is no love lost between Kenneth Gwynne and me. He hates me and always will, no matter how hard he may try to overcome it. In a different way I hate him. We must not be where we can see each other. I am sorely afraid that the tender love he now has for Viola would lead to outlast the hatred he feels toward me. I leave you to imagine what that would mean to her. He has it in his power to give her a place among his people. He can force them to honor and respect her, and her children will be their children. Do you see? Need I say more?"

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"I think I can be trusted to look after it satisfactorily," she said quietly. "Perhaps even better than he could do for himself. I am a farm woman."

"I thought maybe you had some notion of buying him out."

"He would not sell to me. His farm is being properly handled by the present tenant. His love here in town cannot run away. The time will come when they will be very valuable, as I am so prophetic. There is nothing to keep him here, Andrew, and his interests and his daughter's will be carefully looked after as my own."

"We will be sorry to lose him as a friend."

"If you are ready, we will step over to the Free Press office," she said, without a sign that she had heard his remark.

They crossed the square and turned

on the first street to the left.

"This will be a terrible shock to your daughter," said the lawyer, breaking a long silence.

"She will survive it," replied Rachel Gwynne sententiously.

He laid his hand on her arm. "Will you accept a bit of advice from me?"

They stopped. "I am not above listening to it," she replied.

"My advice is to postpone this action until you are sure of one thing."

"And what may that be?"

"Kenneth Gwynne's safe return from this foray against the Indians. He may not come back alive."

"He will come back alive," said she, in a cool, matter-of-fact tone. "It is so ordained. I know. Come, we are wasting time. I have much to do between now and nightfall. Bright and early tomorrow morning my daughter and I are leaving town."

"Leaving town?" he cried, astonished.

"I am taking her out in the country—to the farm. If I can prevent it she shall never put foot in this town again. You know Phineas Striker? An honest, loyal man, with a wife as good as gold."

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A smile he did not understand and never was to understand played about her lips as she continued dryly, for such was the manner of this amazing woman:

"He will even find that her wedding gown is quite as much to his fancy as it was the day he met her."

[THE END.]

The Story of Our States

By JONATHAN BRACE
XXVI.—MICHIGAN



Their first visit to this region date back to 1610. It was not until 1698 however, that the first actual settlement was made. This was the mission at Saint Ignace, founded by Father Marquette. Mackinac was established a few years later, and Detroit's growth was slow. After the French and Indian wars the English took over this territory, and in 1774 it was formally declared a part of Canada. Detroit rapidly grew in importance and during the Revolution was the base of operations for many raids by the British and Indians against the Americans.

By the terms of the Treaty of Paris in 1763 this region became a part of the United States. What is now Michigan, Wisconsin, a part of Minnesota, Illinois, Indiana and Ohio was known as the Northwest Territory. After Ohio was set off as a separate state the Lower Peninsula of Michigan was joined to Indiana Territory. In 1805 Michigan became a separate territory with about its present boundaries. There was, however, a great dispute over a small strip of land in the extreme southern portion which was claimed by Ohio. This almost led to bloodshed, but was finally settled by Michigan releasing her claim to the disputed area and receiving as compensation an addition to the Upper Peninsula. On this basis Michigan was admitted to the Union in 1837 and became the twenty-sixth state.

Michigan has a unique situation, as it is bounded by the three largest of the Great Lakes, and divided into two peninsulas. This gives it a coast line larger in proportion to its area than any of the other states. It is named after Lake Michigan, which is the Algonquian word, "Michigam," meaning "great sea." It is entitled to 15 votes in the electoral college.

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"A great many people conduct their entire careers on that principle."

A Delightful Shock.

"Sam—Hullo! How's everything along? I hear he's run away from him!"

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YOUR IMAGINATION

GIVE your imagination free rein, especially if it is of the constructive kind, taking you to new heights beyond those of yesterday. The greatest achievements of yesterday, if we are to progress, must be outdone today.

An original thought is but one more step towards another, destined, perhaps, to revolutionize accepted standards and set at naught much of our boasted knowledge with its many deficiencies of precise information.

By imagination the countries of the world have been brought closer together. News that was once brought by mounted couriers riding day and night, is now flashed through the air by means of electricity, reaching to all parts of the world and surpassing in its flight the speed of light. When Samuel Morse dreamed of the telegraph he annihilated distance and brought the poles of the earth together.

Thousands of miles from the forecasting station, millions of people listen daily to the radio carrying its lifting music and stirring voices through invisible paths of air.

These modern wonders, mystical, startling, had their birth in the imagination of men who continued to pay court to fancy, while their narrow visioned friends jeered and mocked. Do not criticize the boy who goes castle-building, or prefers by choice to dwell apart from others.

Manifest interest in his thoughts and give him encouragement. You cannot surmise where a boy of this type may be leading, or what in future years he may do for the uplift of the world and the comforts and delights of its peoples.

That the boys of today are destined to surpass the boys of yesterday, may be accepted as a foregone conclusion; indeed, it can be counted upon as a certainty.

The result of their imagination, heightened by better schooling, and let us hope greater encouragement, will be seen in the next generation in the revelation of things which the visioned of today has not yet dreamed. Every analysis of what has been done in the past reveals the probability of something more stirring awaiting the imaginative brains of the boys of today. Give them an opportunity to show their ingenuity. Encourage their imagination and cheer them on!

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A WOMAN IN THE HOUSE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A WOMAN in the house, to me, is like the sunlight on the sea, is like the roses by the road, is like the laughter with the load.

As stars make beautiful the night, And flowers, gardens give delight, Yes, all that beauty does for you A woman in the house will do.

A woman in the house will make An altar there for hearts that ache, Will build a shrine and life's sin To worship God, and ask Him in.

For you who wander, you who weep, A woman in the house will keep A candle burning evermore— She is a lighthouse on the shore.

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If they are set out on good soil, and properly cared for, a dozen plants will be sufficient for the average family. Don't set them along a garden fence and let the grass and weeds grow up among them, says a writer in the Successful Farming. Work plenty of good barnyard manure into the soil before and after setting the bushes.

The bushes should be set four feet apart in the row and the rows should be six feet apart. Shallow cultivation is best, because if you cultivate too deeply you will injure the roots. Ashes, manure and sawdust make very good mulches. Conning the mulch to the hills and within the row and cultivating between the rows.

Two and three-year-old bushes produce the most and best fruits. On older wood the fruit is likely to be much smaller. Hence the urgent need of pruning out the old wood.

Four to eight main stems must be left to bear fruit. Nip back the new shoots in the summer when they are about eighteen inches high, as the fruits are borne near the ground.

The bushes will winter in all places except where there is a very severe climate without protection. The worst insect pest on currants is the currant worm. This worm will eat all the leaves from the bushes in a few days. To kill these worms, spray the bushes with white hellebore, using one teaspoonful to a gallon of water. This material loses strength from standing, so be sure you are using fresh powder.

Mildew is the worst disease of the currant. The leaves become covered with a white mold and dry up. To prevent this, spray the bushes with bordeaux mixture when the leaves appear, and repeat every two weeks, until the fruit sets. Then substitute potassium sulphide for bordeaux mixture, using a half ounce to a gallon of water.

Star Boarders Are Now Found in Some Orchards

Campaigns against star boarders are no longer confined to dairy lands and poultry flocks. Orchards are next on the list, says the Michigan Farmer.

To tell all star boarders from an orchard, the most efficient way is to keep tabs on individual trees. Such records, experience has proven, will quickly point out the unprofitable trees and varieties.

One Ohio man who has started to keep records on the individual trees in his orchard, using the record blanks and instructions provided by the extension folk, finds that some trees show a gain of \$33.95 on market value over production cost, while others in the same orchard show a loss of \$2.05 in a year. These figures do not include harvesting and marketing costs.

Of the 417 trees in this farmer's orchard, 102, or more than 25 per cent, showed a loss.

Orchardists who keep such individual tree records, the specialists in horticulture point out, can readily pick out the star boarders. Then they can topwork these to desirable varieties, or else remove them to make way for young trees of profitable varieties adapted to the locality.

Spraying for Diseases and Injurious Insects

There are a few fruit diseases and insects that may be sprayed for in late winter or early spring. Lime-sulphur spray may be applied to apple trees for oyster shell and San Jose scale. This same spray should be applied to peaches to check leaf curl and fruit rot.

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VIOLA GWYN

George Barr McCutcheon

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She led him to a crudely constructed bench at the foot of a towering elm whose lower branches swept the eaves of the roof.

"Let us sit here, Kenny dear," she said. "It is where I shall come and sit every night while you are gone away. It will be the trysting place for our thoughts."

"That's wonderful, Viola," he said, impressed. "The trysting place for our thoughts. Aye, and that it shall be. Every night, no matter where my body may go or what peril it may be in, I shall be here beside you in my thoughts."

She rested against him, in the crook of his strong right arm, her head against his shoulder, and they both felt silent and pensive under the spell of a wondrous enchantment.

After a while, she spoke, and there was a note of despair in her voice:

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"No power on earth can take you away from me now, Viola," he said. "Ah—that's it," she said miserably. "You call me Viola—and still you wonder why I ask what we are to do."

"You mean—about—"

"We can be nothing more to each other than we are now. There is someone else we must think of. I—I forgot her for a little while, Kenny—I was so happy that I forgot her."

"Where—over two souls so tried as ours," he groaned, and again silence fell between them.

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She arose stiffly and drew back into the darkness, out of the dim, starlit path, and standing there with her head high, her arms outspread, she made her solemn vow of self-renunciation.

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Then Rachel Carter, at peace with herself, went back to her bed across the hall and was soon asleep, a smile upon her lips, the creases wiped from between her eyes as if by some magic soothing hand.

CHAPTER XXIV

The Ending.

At crack-of-day Kenneth rode out of his stableyard on Mirandy Boy, and was cantoring away, followed on foot by the excited Zachariah, bound for the parade ground where the "soldiers" were to concentrate.

The rider turned in his saddle to wave farewell to the little group huddled at Rachel's gate—three tall women who waved back to him. Rounding the bend, he sent a swift glance over his shoulder. There was but one figure at the gate now; she blew a kiss to him.

Nearly three hundred horsemen moved out of Lafayette that forenoon amidst the greatest excitement and enthusiasm. Most of them swung their horses across the river, too eager to wait for the small ferry to transport them to the opposite bank. They were equipped and wonderfully armed and fitted for the expedition. Guns of all descriptions and axes; pikes, axes, knives and daggers; secured weapons; pots and pans and kettles; blankets, knapsacks and parcels of varying sizes; in all a strange and motley assortment that would have caused a troop of regulars to die of laughter. But the valiant spirit was there. Even the provost and far-sighted gentlemen who strapped canteens and in some cases voluminous umbrellas (because of their extraneous contents) across their backs alongside the guns, were no more timorous than their swabbing neighbors who scorned the tempest even as they scoffed at the bloodthirsty robbers. Four heavily laden wagons brought up the rear.

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"In any case, Andrew, it will be for them to decide. Kenneth had already established himself as a lawyer back in the old home town. I shall urge him to return to that place with Viola as soon as they are married. His mother was a Mythe. There is no blot upon the name of Mythe. Her father was an honest, God-fearing, highly respected man. His name and his memory are untarnished. No man can say aught against the half of Kenneth that is Mythe, nor the half of Viola that is Carter. I should like the daughter of Owen Carter to go back and live among his people as the wife of the son of Laura Mythe, and to honorably bear the name that was denied me by a Gwynne."

He looked at her shrewdly for a moment and then, as the full significance of her plan grew upon him, revealing in a flash the motive behind it, he exclaimed:

"Well, by gosh, you certainly have done an almighty lot of calculating."

"And why shouldn't I? She is my child. Is it likely that I would give myself the worst of everything without seeing to it that she gets the best of everything? No, my friend; you must not underestimate my intelligence. I will speak plainly to you—but in confidence. This is between you and me. There is no love lost between Kenneth Gwynne and me. He hates me and always will, no matter how hard he may try to overcome it. In a different way I hate him. We must not be where we can see each other. I am sorely afraid that the tender love he now has for Viola would fall to outlast the hatred he feels toward me. I leave you to imagine what that would mean to her. He has it in his power to give her a place among his people. He can force them to honor and respect her, and her children will be their children. Do you see? Need I say more?"

"You need say nothing more. I understand what you want, Mrs. Gwyn—and I must say that you are in a sense justified. What is to become of young Gwynne's property here in this county?"

"I think I can be trusted to look after it suitably," she said quickly. "Perhaps even better than I could do for him—if I am a fair woman."

"I thought maybe you had some notion of buying him out."

"He would not sell to me. His farm is being properly handled by the present tenant. His lot here in town cannot run away. The time will come when they will be very valuable, or I am no prophetess. There is nothing to keep him here, Andrew, and he is naturally looking after his own son."

"We will be sorry to lose him as a student."

"If you are ready, we will step over to the Free Press office," she said, without a sign that she had heard his remark.

They crossed the square and turned

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"And what may that be?"

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Something to Think About

By F. A. WALKER

YOUR IMAGINATION

GIVE your imagination free rein, especially if it is of the constructive kind, taking you to new heights beyond those of yesterday. The greatest achievements of yesterday, if we are to progress, must be outdone today.

An original thought is but one more step towards another, destined, perhaps, to revolutionize accepted standards and set at naught much of our boasted knowledge with its many deficiencies of precise information.

By imagination the countries of the world have been brought closer together. News that was once brought by mounted couriers riding day and night, is now flashed through the air by means of electricity, reaching to all parts of the world—and surpassing in its flight the speed of light. When Samuel Morse dreamed of the telegraph, he annihilated distance and brought the poles of the earth together.

Thousands of miles from the forecasting station, millions of people listen daily to the radio carrying its lilting music and stirring voices through invisible paths of air.

These modern wonders, mystical, startling, had their birth in the imagination of men who continued to pay court to fancy, while their narrow visioned friends jeered and mocked.

Do not criticize the boy who goes castle-building, or prefers by choice to dwell apart from others.

Manifest interest in his thoughts and give him encouragement.

You cannot surmise where a boy of this type may be leading, or what in future years he may do for the uplift of the world and the comforts and delights of his peoples.

That the boys of today are destined to surpass the boys of yesterday, may be accepted as a foregone conclusion; indeed, it can be counted upon as a certainty.

The result of their imagination, heightened by better schooling, and let us hope greater encouragement, will be seen in the next generation in the revelation of things which the visionist of today has not yet dreamed.

Every analysis of what has been done in the past reveals the probability of something more startling awaiting the imaginative brains of the boys of today. Give them an opportunity to show their ingenuity. Encourage their imagination and cheer them on!

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A WOMAN IN THE HOUSE

By DOUGLAS MALLOCH

A WOMAN in the house, to me, is like the sunlight on the sea. Is like the roses by the road. Is like the laughter with the lead.

As stars make beautiful the night, And flowers, gardens give delight, Yes, all that beauty does for you A woman in the house will do.

A woman in the house will make An altar there for hearts that ache, Will build a shrine amid life's sin To worship God, and ask Him in.

For you who wander, you who weep, A woman in the house will keep A candle burning evermore— She is a lighthouse on the shore.

A woman in the house is like The sun's declining rays that strike Your windows when the day is old And turn your window panes to gold.

A man may build a house of h's; A woman in the house it is, Through joy and sorrow, dawn and gloom, That takes his house and makes it home.

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The Young Lady Across the Way

A Mixed Effect.

"Somebody has invented a motor-cycle with a feminine body."

"A great many people contact their entire careers on that principle."

A Delightful Shock.

Sam: How do you getting along? I hear he's with you away from him? Len: He's with you quite lately now, but at first he was wild with joy!

THE CHEERFUL CHERUB

Although I've few treasures I never will yearn For the riches and fame I can't reach.

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ORCHARD GLEANINGS

MOIST, COOL SOILS. BEST FOR CURRANTS.

In order to have currants bear choice fruit and plenty of it, plant the bushes in moist, cool soil. Clay loam, or even silt clay, is good for currants. Some shade is not objectionable, hence the reason why currants do so well in orchards as an intercrop. It is well to remember, though, that they may be a little hard on trees.

If they are set out on good soil, and properly cared for, a dozen plants will be sufficient for the average family. Don't set them along a garden fence and let the grass and weeds grow up among them, says a writer in the Successful Farmer. Work plenty of good barnyard manure into the soil before and after setting the bushes.

The bushes should be set four feet apart in the row and the rows should be six feet apart. Shallow cultivation is best, because if you cultivate too deeply you will injure the roots. Ashes, manure and sawdust make very good mulches. Confine the mulch to the hills and within the row and cultivate between the rows.

Two and three-year-old bushes produce the most and best fruits. An older wood the fruit is likely to be much smaller. Hence the urgent need of pruning out the old wood.

Four to eight main stems must be left to bear fruit. Nip back the new shoots in the summer when they are about eighteen inches high, as the fruits are borne near the ground.

The bushes will winter in all places except where there is a very severe climate without protection.

The worst insect pest on currants is the currant worm. This worm will eat all the leaves from the bushes in a few days. To kill these worms, spray the bushes with white hellebore, using one teaspoonful to a gallon of water. This material loses strength from standing, so be sure you are using fresh powder.

Mildew is the worst disease of the currant. The leaves become covered with a white mold and dry up. To prevent this, spray the bushes with bordeaux mixture when the leaves appear, and repeat every two weeks, until the fruit sets. Then substitute potassium sulphate for bordeaux mixture, using a half ounce to a gallon of water.

Star Boarders Are Now Found in Some Orchards.

Campaigns against star boarders are no longer confined to dairy herds and poultry flocks. Orchardists are next on the

